

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): Why was he appointed so early as 1st September when the building is not completed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): He has to look after the preliminaries.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): What is he doing now?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): He is arranging the several things and attending to the purchases, etc.

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): I want notice.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): Has not the Government taken into consideration his age when the appointment was made? Do they consider the age when appointments are made generally?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): It is not a pensionable job. It is only a temporary arrangement for 5 years.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): May I know whether the Government made enquiries of his service for 30 years?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): Was he employed in Messrs. Wrenn Bennet & Co., when he was drafted?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): Is it not a fact that Messrs. Wrenn Bennet & Co., went into liquidation before he was drafted?

Mr. President: That is why he was drafted. (*Laughter*).

Mr. K. S. Panicker (*Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram*): Is he a Cochinite?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL QUESTIONS, ETC.—COMMUNICATION OF NAMES OF MEMBERS TO HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS.

13. **Mr. C. V. Iyyu** (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether they reveal the names or constituencies of the members of the Council who put questions or send resolutions

to the Legislative Council in their communications to the several Heads of Departments in the State and through them to their subordinates in their course of collecting informations for replying questions and for the preparation for discussing resolutions?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Members are sometimes influenced by subordinate officers to withdraw questions or resolutions. Will it in any way affect the information if that is not supplied?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): I want to know which are those members who are influenced by the Heads of Departments. It is a highly insinuating remark about the members which I protest against.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): I have myself experienced.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): We sympathise with you.

FAMINE RELIEF FUND—STARTING OF.

14. Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Will the Government be pleased to start a famine relief fund on the lines of those started by Bombay, Bengal and Madras Governments?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): There has been no famine in Cochin. The question will however be considered if and when funds permit.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): May I know, Sir, whether Government has not distributed rice some years ago when there was flood in Cochin?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Not because there was a famine but on account of the fact that there was scarcity of rice.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Is it not because that there was famine that rice was distributed?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Some temporary economic distress there was. I do not know whether you can call it famine within a particular locality.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Was there scarcity of rice?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.